

CLEVELAND INDIANS CHARITIES DONATE NEARLY \$330,000 TO YOUTH IN 1997

Cleveland Indians Charities (CIC), the charitable arm of the 1995 and 1997 American League Champion Cleveland Indians, entered its 10th year of operation by donating nearly \$330,000 to area youth organizations from monies raised in 1997. Since 1989, Cleveland Indians Charities has donated almost \$2 million dollars to area agencies which promote youth recreation and education.

The major contributions in 1997 included a \$100,000 donation to the Cleveland Public Schools Athletic Department to help defray the high costs of its boys' baseball and girls' softball programs for the coming spring. Additional 1997 recipients include The Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland (\$50,000), the Cleveland

Recreation Department (\$25,000), the United Black Fund (\$40,000) for their operation of the Larry Doby RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) Program, the Cleveland Baseball Federation (\$10,000), the North American Indian Cultural Center

(\$6,000) for their efforts in helping educate Native American youth in their culture, and the Urban League of Greater Cleveland (\$5,500) for support of its educational programs.

Through the generosity of the Indians corporate partners and various fund raising efforts, including Jacobs Field Tours, the MTD Celebrity Golf Classic, Pepsi Corporate Hitting Challenge, CIC SuperBowl Party, the sale of Jacobs Field streetpole banners, and numerous concourse activities at Jacobs Field, to name a few, Cleveland Indians Charities has been able to develop and enhance a number of youth educational and recreational programs in Northeast Ohio.

If you would like information on any of the programs offered through Cleveland Indians Charities, please call the Community Relations Information Line at (216) 420-4400.



Since 1995, CIC has donated \$300,000 to the Cleveland Public Schools Athletic Department.

Tony Gray

THE HOT CORNER



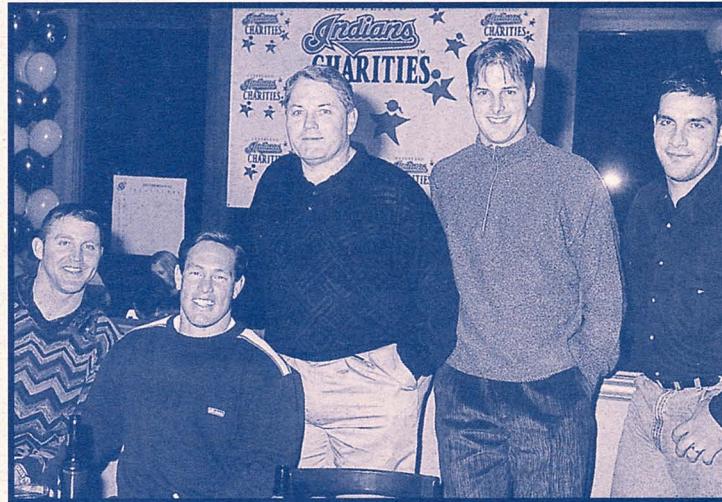
Registration for the 1998 Pepsi Corporate Hitting Challenge has begun for the annual spring tournament held at Jacobs Field.

Teams of nine will have the opportunity to have pregame batting practice in the hitting tunnels, followed by a single-elimination hitting competition on the field. The tournament winner will then play the Indians front office team in a nine-inning game at Jacobs Field. The cost of the Pepsi Corporate Hitting Challenge is \$3,000 for a team of nine... The inaugural Cleveland Indians Charities SuperBowl Party, held at Shula's Steak 2 in Independence, kicked off the 1998

year by raising over \$20,000 for CIC. Skipper Mike Hargrove and Indians players Jim Thome, Chad Ogea, Brian Giles, and Steve Karsay were in attendance, and guests received a commemorative football autographed by Indians players...

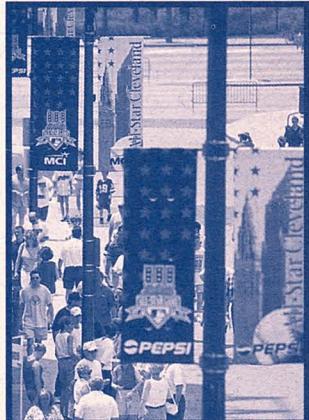
Various Streetpole Banners from the 1995, 1996, and

1997 seasons are available through Cleveland Indians Charities. These streetpole banners are the very same ones that have decorated the streets of Cleveland and surrounded Jacobs Field over the past few championship



Members of the TRIBE kicked off the New Year at the inaugural CIC SuperBowl Party at Shula's Steak 2.

James Mathews



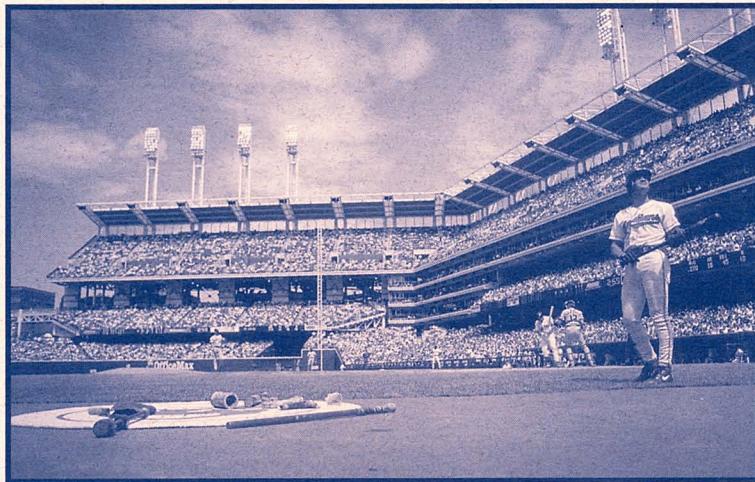
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seasons. For information on purchasing these banners, please call (216) 420-4400... Save the Date: the 1998 Cleveland Indians Charities Celebrity Golf Classic, presented by MTD Products Inc, has been scheduled for Monday, August 24 at Quail Hollow Resort and Country Club.

1998 JACOBS FIELD TOUR PROGRAM

PUBLIC TOURS

- Friday, May 1 through Saturday, September 26
- Monday through Saturday (excluding day games, special events and holidays)
- Adults \$5.00, Youths (14 and under) and Senior Citizens (60 and over) \$3.00



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It's time to gear up for another great season with the Tribe! And we've just made it easy with the NEW Spring/Summer Team Shop Catalog. Inside, we've covered all the bases, with exclusive Tribe clothing and collectibles as well as lots of fun stuff for kids. If you haven't already received yours, it should be arriving soon. To order call: **216-420-GIFT** or **1-800-38-TRIBE**.

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GROUP TOURS

- 1:00 pm only
- \$120.00 flat fee for up to 40 people
- Group ticket is only available at the Indians Main Box Office

Tour Tickets Available at Following Locations:

- Cleveland Indians Main Box Office
- All seven Indians Team Shop locations
- In person at all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers
- With a credit card by phone at (216) 241-8888 at least 11 days in advance of tour requested

Tour Includes These Areas of the Ballpark:

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| • KidsLand | • Party Suite |
| • Club Lounge | • Press Box |
| • Dugout | • Special Video |

Additional Tour Information:

- Advance ticket purchase is recommended as tours do sell out
- Route is subject to change
- Tour is entirely wheelchair accessible
- Still and video cameras are welcome
- Each tour lasts approximately one hour
- Tours depart from the Indians Team Shop on Ontario St.
- There is a good deal of walking so wear comfortable shoes
- Concession stands are not open during tours
- All proceeds benefit Cleveland Indians Charities
- For more information and tour times, please call (216) 420-4385



CLEVELAND INDIANS MASCOT SLIDER

Any special occasion can be more exciting by inviting Indians Mascot Slider to get in on the action. Creating his usual havoc and fun, Slider will make your next private or corporate event a memorable experience for all! Detailed information on scheduling a personal appearance is available by calling (216) 420-4435.



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Now for all Saturday Home Games...

...the gates will open two hours prior to game time and fans are invited to arrive early at the ballpark to observe batting practice. The gates will continue to open 90 minutes prior to game time for all Monday through Friday, and Sunday home games.

Dave Nelson & Mike Hegan Join Tom Hamilton On Indians Radio



Scott Audette/NS Images

Since the October retirement of the legendary Herb Score, the Cleveland Indians have promoted his partner for the last eight seasons, Tom Hamilton, to the position of primary play-by-play announcer in the radio booth.

Hamilton came to the Indians in 1990 after broadcasting for the New York Yankees' AAA Columbus Clippers. Before that, he handled announcing duties for the Universities of Wisconsin and Colorado. In addition to his current responsibilities with the Indians, Hamilton broadcasts Big Ten basketball on TV for ESPN.

Indians fans should recognize Hamilton's new colleagues, Dave Nelson and Mike Hegan. Nelson will provide color commentary and assist with pre- and post-game shows. Through a rotation format, Hegan will provide color analysis when teamed with Hamilton and play-by-play when teamed with Nelson.

Indians fans know Dave Nelson as the team's First Base Coach for the past six seasons. He previously filled the same role for the Chicago White Sox. Nelson's coaching career has also included Minor League infield and base running instruction for the White Sox and the duties of Director of Instruction for the A's. Tribe fans may not know that his baseball expe-

rience includes broadcasting work for both the Chicago Cubs and Kansas City Royals.

As a player, Nelson broke into the Majors with the Indians. During his career, he stole 187 bases. In 1972, he achieved his annual best — 51 thefts — placing him second behind league-leading Bert Campaneris. An AL All-Star in 1973, Nelson also tied a Major League record in 1974 — stealing second, third, and home in a single inning.

Hegan has covered Indians baseball for WUAB Channel 43, along with Jack Corrigan, for nine seasons. He will continue in this role, and step into the radio booth during those games which WUAB does not televise.

Hegan came to Indians broadcasting after handling similar duties for the Milwaukee Brewers. Before that, he played in the Major Leagues (1964-77) for the Yankees, Seattle Pilots, Brewers, and Oakland A's. A 1969 All-Star, he also played for the 1972 World Champion A's. Hegan is a Cleveland native, son of former Indians catcher, Jim Hegan, and a graduate of St. Ignatius.

Upon the announcement of the Tribe's new radio team, Executive Vice

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